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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: RUPEES: PRESS BRIEFING MATERIAL

1. FOLLOWING MATERIAL PREPARED FOR USE AT NOON PRESS
BRIEFING, JANUARY 30. SUBJECT WAS NOT RAISED.

Q: TALKING ON THE HILL YESTERDAY, AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN
SPOKE OF FAMINE IN INDIA. IS THIS RIGHT? IF SO, WHAT ARE
WE DOING ABOUT IT?

A: INDIA HAS HAD CHRONIC FOOD PROBLEMS, ALTHOUGH IT
HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN INCREASING FOODGRAIN
PRODUCTION. THE AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT YESTERDAY THAT
THE HUGE INCREASE IN OIL PRICES COULD LEAD TO A 25 PERCENT
DECREASE IN FERTILIZER AVAILABILITY IN INDIA THIS YEAR
AND THAT SPELLS FAMINE. NATURALLY, FAMINE IN INDIA, OR
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ANYWHERE ELSE, WOULD BE A MATTER OF CONCERN FOR THE

UNITED STATES, AS IT MUST BE FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD COMMUNITY. THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, WHICH IS MEETING LATER THIS YEAR AT US INITIATIVE, WILL, AMONG OTHER THINGS, BE CONSIDERING THE OVERALL FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION.

Q: WHERE DO WE STAND ON AID TO INDIA?

A: LAST MARCH WE LIFTED THE SUSPENSION ON THE COMMODITY

AID FROZEN IN 1971. WE HAVE INDICATED TO INDIA OUR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF ECONOMIC TOPICS, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. VOLUNTARY AGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS UNDER TITLE II OF PL-480 HAVE CONTINUED, AMOUNTING TO DOLS 52 MILLION IN 1973.

Q: WHAT IS AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN DOING HERE AND ON THE HILL?

A: CONSULTING WITH CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS REGARDING THE RUPEE AGREEMENT WITH INDIA.

2. WE PLAN POUCH ON JANUARY 31 TRANSCRIPT OF JANUARY 29 HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING. KISSINGER

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